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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1995-96 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 3026

Introduced by Assembly Member Campbell Bates (Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Bates Campbell and Lee)

February 23, 1996

An act to add Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 19894) to Part 3 of Division 13 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 3026, as amended, Campbell Bates. Housing: security window bars.

Existing law, which is administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, generally regulates the construction, use, maintenance, and occupancy of buildings used for human habitation.

This bill would authorize any local government city, county, or city and county to establish a date by which all residential real property with security window bars on bedroom windows shall meet current state and local requirements for safety

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release mechanisms on security window bars consistent with applicable standards set forth in existing law. The bill also would provide that disclosures of safety release mechanisms on security window bars shall be made in accordance with specified provisions of the Civil Code and that enforcement of an ordinance adopted pursuant to these provisions shall not apply at the time of any transfer that is subject to the Documentary Transfer Tax Act unless the transfer occurs on the same date as the implementation date specified in the ordinance.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 19894) is added to Part 3 of Division 13 of the Health and 3 Safety Code, to read: 4

CHAPTER 13. SECURITY WINDOW BARS

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19894. Any local government may (a) Any city, county, or city and county, may, by ordinance, establish a date by which all residential real property with security 10 window bars on bedroom windows shall meet current and local requirements for safety 12 mechanisms on security window bars consistent with the applicable standards in the current version of the 14 California Building Standards Code, and any changes 15 made by the city, county, or city and county pursuant to 16 Section 17958.

- (b) Disclosures of the existence of any safety release 18 mechanism on any security window bar shall be made pursuant to Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 1102) 20 of Chapter 2 of Title 4 of Part 4 of Division 2 of the Civil 21 *Code*.
- 22 (c) Enforcement of an ordinance adopted pursuant to 23 subdivision (a) shall not apply at the time of any transfer that is subject to the Documentary Transfer Tax Act, Part 6.7 (commencing with Section 11901) of the Revenue and

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1 Taxation Code, unless that transfer occurs on the same 2 date as the implementation date specified in the 3 ordinance.